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SUBJ: SYG LUNCHEON FOR PRES FRANJIEH NOV 14

1. AT CLOSE OF ASSEMBLY THIS AFTERNOON SYG WALDHEIM
ASKED ME INTO HIS OFFICE TO SAY THAT PRES FRANJIEH OF
LEBANON HAD, WITHOUT CHECKING WITH WALDHEIM, INVITED
ARAFAT TO LUNCHEON SYG GIVING FOR FRANJIEH NOV 14.

2. WALDHEIM UNDERSTANDS, NOT DIRECTLY, THAT ARAFAT'S
REACTION WAS POSITIVE AND HE WOULD NOW LIKE TO STAY FOR LUNCH.
WALDHEIM SAYS HE HAS BEEN PUT IN VERY DIFFICULT POSITION
AND ASKED WHETHER US ON SECURITY OR OTHER GROUNDS WOULD BE
ABLE TO HEAD OFF ARAFAT ATTENDANCE.

3. I TOLD HIM THAT US HAD ACCEDED TO MANY UNREASONABLE
DEMANDS OF PLO IN ARRANGING FOR THEIR APPEARANCE HERE BUT
THAT IF WE TRIED TO PERSUADE ARAFAT TO LIMIT HIS ACTIVITIES
WITHIN UN ENVIRONMENT WE WOULD BE ACCUSED OF SEEKING
UNREASONABLE RESTRICTIONS ON HIS ACTIVITIES. AMB SCHAUFLE
POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH WE HAD BENT OVER BACKWARD TO
PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO PLO, VOICE OF ARABS
WAS NOW BROADCASTING CLAIM THAT USG WAS TRYING TO CIRCUM-
SCRIBE PLO ACCESS TO OTHER DELS.

4. I SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO DECIDE
AND NOTED THAT LEBANESE HAVE CREATED PROBLEM. PERHAPS
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HE SHOULD TALK WITH AMB GHORRA OF LEBANON AND AMB MEGUID

OF EGYPT.

5. WALDHEIM AGREED BUT ASKED WHAT HE COULD DO IF THESE
EFFORTS WERE UNAVAILING. I SUGGESTED THAT HE MAKE IT KNOWN
DISCREETLY BUT PUBLICLY THAT ARAFAT HAD NEVER BEEN INVITED
TO LUNCH BY SYG AND HIS ATTENDANCE WAS AT REQUEST OF GUEST
OF HONOR WHO IS CHIEF OF STATE.

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